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## Devotion

### Family Scholarships for Short Term Mission Trips - \$60,000

Sing or say the first verse of *Hark the Voice of Jesus Crying* LSB 826

**Hark the voice of Jesus crying, "Who will go and work today?  
Fields are while and harvest waiting, who will bear the sheaves away?"  
Loud and long the Master calls you, rich reward He offers free,  
Who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I send me, send me?"**

*The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest ... (Matthew 9:37-38).*

LWML Mission Grant #21 – Family Scholarships for Short Term Mission Trips for \$60,000 through MOST Ministries (Mission Opportunities Short Term) will provide for families to participate in short term mission trips by funding the expenses of half the trip cost, allowing mission team participants a “worldview” of the lives of others and personal involvement with them. “Families will provide the future leaders of our church. Exposing high school and college students to mission work early on can inspire them to direct their careers, their ministries, and even just extracurricular life toward mission work.”

Dear Lord,

Thank You for the opportunity for service through this grant. Bless our efforts to be Your messengers of the Gospel as we share our mites to further Your kingdom. We pray for the success of the short term missionaries who are physically sharing Your Word and love with others that all may come to know You as Savior.

**If you cannot speak like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus, you can say He died for all.  
If you cannot rouse the wicked with the judgement's dread alarm,  
You can lead the little children to the Savior's waiting arms.**

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the ends of the age ... (Matthew 28:19).*

Each mission team equipped with a definite plan for giving spiritual care to share the Gospel gives care for the physical and emotional needs of the people with which they are interacting. MOST's mission teams have given eyeglasses, medical/dental care and health education, built churches/schools, taught women marketable skills (such as sewing); they've provided opportunity for youth outreach in such areas as sports,

music, and English language camps, training for educators and professionals in palliative care, in suicide awareness/prevention, understanding and living with HIV/AIDs, and human trafficking awareness.

Dear Lord,

Give courage and boldness to the short term mission teams. Fortify them with Your Word that the ones they serve see them as Your hands and feet. Grant that through their sharing of the Gospel, many are engaged in Your Word and equipped for eternal life with You. Use our prayers and mites to further Your kingdom.

**If you cannot be a watchman, standing high on Zion wall,  
Pointing out the path to heaven, off 'ring life and peace to all,  
With your prayers and with your bounties, you can do what God demands;  
You can be like faithful Aaron, holding up the prophet's hands.**

*So Moses said to Joshua, "Choose for us men, and go out and fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand. So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. Whenever Moses held up his hands, Israel prevailed, whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. And Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the sword ...*  
(Exodus 17: 9-13).

The mission of MOST Ministries is to "impact the world for Jesus Christ, through short term missions, by Empowering the Found in Reaching the Lost." Through these mission experiences, mission families can be affected in their consumer attitude, their philanthropic attitudes and actions; in the value of mission donations; in their treatment and attitudes toward other ethnic groups; in becoming advocates for people groups or specific projects; in their own career choices, and in the importance of their own spiritual growth. We have opportunity to impact the lives of our young people through these mission trips, and at the same time with our prayers and mites support the mission of the church to tell the world about Jesus.

Dear Jesus,

Use us as a means for Your Word to be spread to the "ends of the earth." All our blessings are from You, and we rejoice that through this grant not only will Your Word be preached and Your love shared, but it enables us to also impact the lives of Lutheran families and young people in our congregations as they engage in personally being a missionary for You.

**Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do,"  
While the souls of men are dying and the Master calls for you.  
Take the task He gives you gladly, let His work your pleasure be.  
Answer quickly when He calleth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"**



*Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together (John 4:35-36).*

Families will benefit from the Family Scholarships for Short Term Mission Trips, as they participate in mission work together, they become engaged in the lives of others, and the teams personally give aid physically, emotionally, and spiritually to others. The scholarship pays for only half the trip so participants must obtain the remaining funds needed for the trip. This allows for the family missionary team to experience raising their own funds from church, friends, community, and other family members. These supporters then become a part of the outreach by providing the needed resources. There are tasks for us all: those praying and providing mites for this grant, and those participating in the actual trip.

Dear Lord,

What excitement we share with those involved in the Short Term Mission Trips as both the short term missionaries and LWML women use our gifts and talents in ministry to the people of the world! Bless the mission teams and keep them safe as they do Your will. Thank You for empowering us with Your Holy Spirit so that we can say with our thoughts, words, and deeds, "Here am I, send me, send me." In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

